

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 1, 2005 in the above-identified application, the Applicants provisionally elect Species I (Claims 6-9) for further prosecution on merits, with traverse.

In the application, claims 6-14 and 26-39 are pending. Claims 26-39 are added without adding new matter and in full compliance with the statutory requirements. Claims 10-14 are withdrawn from consideration.

Newly added claims 26-28 and 29-39 correspond to the claims 1-3 and 15-25, respectively, which were cancelled in the preliminary amendment, filed August 29, 2005. Further, in the Restriction Requirement dated September 29, 2005, which has been withdrawn, the Examiner asserted that the cancelled claims 1-3 and 15-25, drawn to a probe array, belong to same Species I.

Claims 26-28 are related to a probe; and Claims 6-9 are drawn to a probe array including a plurality of probes, the probes in claims 6-9 being the same as the probe in claim 26. Claims 29-31 refer to an attaching apparatus of a probe provided in a probe array of claim 6; and claims 32-37 are related to a probe card having a plurality of probes having a trapezoidal contactor of claim 26. Further, claims 38-39 are related to a probe array supporting unit for supporting a probe array of claim 6.

Therefore, the inventions of Species I (claims 6-9) and newly added claims 26-39 share a common technical feature and a common inventive concept to be neither independent nor distinct.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that the inventions of Species I (claims 6-9) and newly added claims 26-39 are included in one application to be examined by the

Examiner for an expeditious and efficient prosecution proceeding and for a consistent examination.

In view of the foregoing, this application is in condition for examination, and an early and favorable action on the merits is now believed to be in order and most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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